



Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health
Salt River Pima- Maricopa Indian Community
Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes November 13, 2008 Council Meeting

Regional Council members in attendance

Martina Ashley
Chris McIntier
Dr. Joyce Helmuth
Lori Calderon, Chair
Priscilla Jay, Vice Chair
René Murphy
Michelle Clark

Regional Council members absent

Alecia Jackson
Ron Ransom
Lance Silverhorn

First Things First Staff

Yolanda Y. Adams Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Coordinator
Sheila Hoppe, Grants & Contracts Manager of First Things First
Wendy Sabatini, Regional Manager of First Things First Maricopa Region
Sharon Layton, Administrative Assistant of First Things First Maricopa Region

Members of the Public

2 members of the public were present
1 guest speaker, Dr. Pollack, Phoenix Children's Hospital

Call to order

Meeting called to order by Regional Council Chair Calderon at 5:42 p.m.

Brief welcome to Council Members and Guests by Chair Calderon.

Invocation

Regional Council Vice Chair Priscilla Jay gave the invocation.

No Public Comment

Approval of Minutes of Meeting

Member McIntier motioned to approve the minutes of the Regional Council meeting of October 16, 2008. Member Helmuth seconded, motion carried.

Update by First Things First Regional Coordinator Yolanda Adams

Ms. Adams provided a brief report on the existing vacancy on the Council. She also informed the Council that Dr. DJangi was no longer with First Things First and that Wendy Sabatini was the interim Manager for the SRP-MIC Region.

Presentation of Phoenix Children's Hospital

Dr. Pollack gave a presentation on the services they offer at Phoenix Children's Hospital that may benefit SRP-MIC. The services consist of wellness, screenings, treatment, spectrum of care and a concentrated effort in children's needs and he pointed out the lifetime benefits of an early intervention program for children, both neurologically and non-neurologically. Dr. Pollack also indicated that they provide a full range of diagnostics for children and their families as well as a Teen Tot Clinic for mothers, and a Health Mobile for long term care to children. Dr. Pollack expressed their commitment in partnering with First Things First and leadership. He also expressed interest in any initiatives being proposed by First Things First and their willingness to help any group to determine the interests of the community. Dr. Pollack hopes to provide ways to think about pediatric health care needs for children. He provided a handout of his presentation.

Discussion and Approval of Funding Plan

Line by line, Ms. Adams went over the Strategies to be funded. For Brain Box #4, Ms. Adams noted that she and SRP-MIC were eligible to attend this training. There was a discussion session for clarification on most of the strategies. Each Council Member declared a possible conflict of interest because they all work for SRP-MIC. With this declaration, the Council was at an impasse as they no longer represented a quorum. Falling within the Rule of Impossibility, Member Murphy moved to accept the Funding Plan with the understanding that the SRP-MIC RPC Council Coordinator Yolanda Adams and First Things First Staff, are authorized to edit the Funding Plan as needed with the intent and recommended changes as discussed, seconded by Member Jay. Motion carried.

RFGA Process Discussion

Ms. Hoppe explained what an RFGA was and other options. Council Members discussed intergovernmental agreements to afford more flexibility and more understanding between governments.

Needs and Assets Discussion

Council Chair Calderon and Members Murphy and Clark suggested having the Tribal Council take a final review of the Needs and Assets Report and offer any feedback/edits. The SRP-MIC Council would prefer that the report not be on posted on the website until it is approved by the Tribal Council.

Next Meeting Dates

December 9, 2008 at 5:30

January 27, 2009 at 5:30

Member McIntier will identify a meeting location for both dates.

Conclusion: Ms. Adams will attempt to post the meeting notices in the local papers. Council Members will post the meeting notices at other agencies and throughout the community.

Updates by Regional Partnership Council

- Member Murphy announced that “Feed the Children” is looking for families in need of care boxes.
- Member Helmuth indicated that dentists serving the community are looking to expand services to those in need of preventative care.
- Member Ashley reported that the Christmas Angel program will be coming this year. December 12 is the deadline when gifts need to be received.
- Council Vice Chair Jay announced that Child Find is hosting a toy benefit on December 13 at ASU and that SRP-MIC children will be the recipients of the toys. Darrell Jerome will be performing.
- Member Clark also announced that Children’s Foundation is hosting a golf tournament December 1, 2008.
- Council Vice Chair Jay acknowledged Ms. Adams’ hard work and thanked community members for attending.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Ana Garcia AA III

Approved:

Lori Calderon, Regional Council Chair